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1. SAUDI REACTION TO ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT

BUOYED BY THE PROSPECTS OF AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT INVOLVING THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK, THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND JERUSALEM, SAUDI REACTION TO THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY POSITIVE. THERE IS CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT THE US MIGHT LACK THE MEANS OR THE WILL TO CONTINUE TO FORCE PROGRESS THUS CREATING ANOTHER STALEMATE. THE SAUDIS ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN AGREEMENT MIGHT FAIL TO TAKE KING FAISAL'S INTEREST IN JERUSALEM SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) JIDDA 426, 1/27.

2. UNEXPECTED PANIC IN PHNOM PENH

INFLUENCED BY HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AND UNFOUNDED RUMORS, AN ESTIMATED FIVE TO SIX THOUSAND FAMILIES FLED IN PANIC FROM THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR INTO THE HEART OF THE CITY. THE INABILITY OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO
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HANDLE THE SITUATION IS THE DISTURBING FACTOR, BUT FANK

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJ GEN SOSTHENE HAS TAKEN STEPS TO

REMEDY THIS SITUATION. THE CITY IS CALM AND APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE FAMILIES HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES, BUT RENEWED ATTACKS MIGHT CAUSE ANOTHER EXODUS. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 1269, 1/27.

3. CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT

ON JANUARY 25 TURKISH PRESIDENT KORUTURK ACCEPTED THE NEW CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE BULENT ECEVIT, THUS FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT WHICH MUST PRESENT ITS PROGRAM TO PARLIAMENT WITHIN ONE WEEK FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THE NEW CABINET, BASED ON A COALITION OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, IS RELATIVELY YOUNG, REPRESENTS TURKEY'S EDUCATED ELITE, AND HAS A TECHNOCRATIC TINGE. (UNCLASSIFIED) ANKARA 646, 1/26. KISSINGER

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